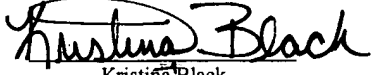


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by one month by the concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendments below and consider the remarks that follow.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

Applicants hereby petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 for one month, the period to end on December 27, 2003. The extension fee of \$110.00 for the one month is enclosed.

Amdt. dated December 22, 2003

Reply to Office action of August 27, 2003

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.